

REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL
MINUTES
Tuesday September 29, 2009

CALL TO ORDER at 10:08 AM following the Logic Model Training Session. RCCC welcomed our guest from the Riverside CoC, Jeannene Mason.

MINUTES The minutes from the meeting of August 2009 were approved by consensus.

STEERING COMMITTEE –

SHP NOFA Announcement- Peggy Goldstein

A four page summary of the 66 page HUD document describing the Supportive Housing NOFA was distributed. Members were provided with a review of the highlights of this year's competition, particularly noting changes from last year. (See attachment to the minutes).

Since the application must be successfully submitted to HUD by November 9th, all Projects must submit their Exhibit II material through the E-snaps system to the appropriate Consortium lead (Peggy Goldstein for the City and Dolores Diaz for the County) no later than October 30th. All applicants need to sign on to the E-snaps system well in advance of the deadline to be sure that there are no registration problems.

A few other reminders:

- Be sure to update all information in the SF424;
- Use the information on the Grant Inventory Worksheet as your budget. This was the last confirmed budget with HUD.
- If you have submitted a new APR to HUD since June, you must provide a copy of the new APR to the Consortium lead by the end of next week (October 2nd)
- If you will be submitting a new APR to HUD prior to November 9th, you must provide a copy of that APR to the Consortium lead by October 26th
- Please remember that according to HUD Technical Assistance in January programs that have outreach components in addition to their housing or support services do not need to count the outreach clients in calculating the success ratios for the primary HUD goals (ie. Percentage of persons gaining employment; remaining in permanent housing 7 or more months, or transitioning to permanent housing.
- The project name, etc must be identical to the information on the Grant Inventory Worksheet.
- All data for the period ending June 30th should now be in the HMIS system. If not, please make this a priority.

Update on Project Homeless Connect – Rosemary Johnston

Project Homeless Connect is set for December 2nd in Golden Hall at the City Concourse. Planning meetings are open and anyone interested in participating is encouraged to attend. Meetings are held in the Conference Room at 3530 Camino Del Rio North –

Room 301. With the help of 2-1-2, a special phone line for volunteers was established: 858-300-1291. Please correct the notes from the August meeting to indicate that an e-mail address has also been established (but not a website) that address is ProjectHomelessConnect@cox.net. It was decided that there would not be on-line data entry at this year's event. Some arrangements are still in process (like transportation) Donations, volunteers, and additional services are welcome.

RCCC-RTFH MOU – Action item

A final draft of a Memorandum of Agreement between the RCCC and RTFH as the lead for the HMIS system was distributed in advance of the meeting. HUD requires an agreement between the CoC and the HMIS Lead as part Exhibit I of the Supportive Housing Program application. Members cast a consensus vote to adopt the agreement (with one abstaining). In a subsequent motion, members also authorized the Facilitator to sign the agreement on their behalf (unanimous).

New Data Elements for HPRP and SHP are part of the changes that the HMIS Contractors (RTFH, FJV, IPH) and the new Data Governance Group will be working on.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Rating and Ranking Group Update: Peggy Goldstein and Holly Younghans

HUD has changed the rules so that only new projects have to be listed in rank order in the SHP application. Projects still need to be reviewed but with the change in regulations we expect the role of the Rating and Ranking group to change – It could become a less burdensome task. This along with the wonderful electronic scoring sheet will mean changes for the future.

In preparing for the departure of the past Chair, Shanda Lewis, the Steering Committee had asked Holly Younghans to be ready to assume the lead role. Further discussion was postponed until January which is our elections month. The past year's rating and ranking reviews showed that there is still opportunity for improvement at the project level – especially with the Logic Model.

Legislative Committee – Rosemary Johnston – Action Item

The location of the Seasonal Shelter in San Diego is currently under discussion by City Council. The media has given considerable attention to the controversy. Logically, service providers and advocates recognize certain facts that indicate that the most logical placement for the seasonal shelter is in the central downtown area. Downtown is 'home' to a significant portion of the unsheltered population, is a service-enriched area, and is familiar to the clients who typically use the shelter, To locate outside downtown would incur increased costs and potentially reduce occupancy – making it less cost effective. There is also a cost savings when the Veterans Program and the City Program are set up simultaneously. The RCCC voted unanimously to authorize Rosemary Johnston to write a letter to San Diego City Council providing this type of information and expressing our concern. Rosemary also offered a template of a letter to any organization that also wishes to write to Council directly.

The Seasonal Shelter is on the agenda for the October 13th San Diego City Council meeting. RCCC Members are encouraged to attend to provide balance to the voices who are sending a “Not In My Back Yard” message. It is interesting to note that the Veterans Shelter which will be located near Goodwill on Rosecrans has not been contested in the same way as the Downtown shelter.

At the state level, Housing California – is urging that an Interagency Council be reinvested. Also There has been a request through SB 575 that the Governor extend the Housing Element to 2013. The balance of the Legislative report was distributed electronically.

Manual Committee – Noelle Kester

The final version of the RCCC Manual was provided to the Steering Committee for review. Based on actions recommended by the Committee, the Manual was updated regarding the description for Homeless Representation Task Force. The RCCC voted approval for distribution of the revised manual. Beginning in November the Manual Committee will need a new leader while Noelle is on maternity leave. The Committee asked to select a temporary chair and was thanked for its work.

Logic Model – Holly Younghans

The Logic Model Workshop was well attended and group leaders were thanked for their efforts. SHP applicants were reminded to make certain that they are using the 2009 forms and checking the HUD goals and objectives for this year. Also do not try to ‘cut and paste’ from a prior edition because there are imbedded formulas, etc. The HUD guidelines from the General Section of the NOFA and the Rating and Ranking Scoring Rubric will be made available to members.

Employment – Dave Siegler –

The Employment Sub Committee made a recommendation to postpone employment forum until February. The next meeting of the Committee is October 27th at 9:00 AM at National University immediately before the full RCCC meeting. Everyone is welcome to join this productive, task-oriented group.

PTECH – Pat Leslie

The PTECH Group is planning a thank you event for subcommittee participants. Stay tuned for more information.

Homeless Prevention Rapid-Re housing Program Grants –Laurin Pause; Andrew Miklusick

In addition to the six entitlement allocations awarded to local jurisdictions, two State HPRP grants were awarded. Congratulations to Community Resource Center / North County Lifeline which was awarded approximately \$1.6 million for the north region (exclusive of Escondido, Oceanside who received direct grants); Also congratulations to South Bay Community Services who was awarded approximately \$900,000 for National City. Each of these programs have to be contracted by September 30th and is required to use the HMIS system for tracking and reporting. It is important to note that these new

resource are to support three years of programming, but the anticipated need is so great that the funds will probably be used prior to the end of the period. The RCCC decision in May to continue to focus the new and Permanent Housing Bonus projects on chronic adults compliments the groups prioritized in many of the HPRP grants. Success of these programs is likely to influence what happens in future HUD NOFAs. It is important to track these participants and services carefully.

OTHER BUSINESS

- “Not to Be Forgotten” event – October 1 at 4002 Wallace Street in Old Town
- Interfaith Shelter Network is opening for its 24th Season. A schedule is available through ISN or the case management agencies
- A pilot project is being fostered with SDGE to help educate households about special programs and services. Households at risk (ie receiving past due notices) will receive information in their billing statement.
- A Senior Shuttle Program is now available in the central region. .

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**NEXT MEETING
OCTOBER 27th
1:00- 11:30 AM
National University
9388 Lightwave Avenue
San Diego**